

ACTION ALERT!

BALANCED STUDENT PUBLICATION POLICY PROVOKES NEW CENSORSHIP ATTEMPTS BY CFV

Most of you have heard of the recent attacks on free of speech sparked by a story on gay and lesbian teens in Palmer High's newspaper, *The Lever*. The School Board decided to revise the student publication policy in reaction to the controversy surrounding the article. The latest draft of the proposed student publication policy is very fair and supports students' freedom of expression.

However, Colorado for Family Values plans to use this incident and the next school board meeting to launch a campaign for a **student sexual conduct policy**. Instead of limiting their attack to student publications, they have broadened the reach of their censorship efforts to include all aspects of school life.

CFV printed 130,000 postcards to send to the School Board and distributed them in conservative churches to promote this policy. As a result of their prompting, the School Board meeting has been moved to Wasson High School to accommodate more people.

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Our Position: Citizens Project supports the revised student publication policy currently under consideration. We want to support the Board in adopting this policy without further changes. We **DO NOT** want to legitimize CFV's publicity stunt by addressing or countering their arguments **UNLESS** the school board puts any of their proposals on the agenda of this or future meetings.

How you can help: Attend the Board meeting, the last meeting at which they are seeking public input on this issue and the meeting where CFV plans to dominate the public forum.

If you choose to speak, we urge you to be brief, support the Board and not to address CFV's policy unless it is on the agenda.

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING/PUBLIC FORUM:

6:30 p.m. **January 15**, Wasson H.S. 2115 Afton Way (North off Constitution between Union and Circle)

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